

Worksheet

The license agent will ask for the following information when you apply:

1. Michigan resident?

If no, you are not eligible to apply.

2. Your birth date?

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3. Customer ID number?

Michigan driver license, State of Michigan ID card or DNR Sportcard

4. Item number?

170 - Elk Resident Application

5. The DNR issues two types of elk hunting licenses:

• Any-elk - valid for taking either a bull elk or an antlerless elk.

• Antlerless-only - valid for taking an antlerless elk only.

Based on your hunting preferences, select ONE of the following on your application:

\_\_\_ Bull **OR** Antlerless

Eligible for an any-elk license; if not selected, will be included in drawing for antlerless-only license

\_\_\_ Bull Only

Eligible for an any-elk license ONLY (will not be included in drawing for antlerless-only license)

\_\_\_ Chance Only

Do not wish to hunt this year, but would like to purchase a chance toward future drawings

Important:

• Selected hunters will be randomly assigned to a specific hunt area and hunt period. You may not select the season or elk management unit you wish to apply for.

• You may not apply for an elk license and purchase a “chance only” in the same year.

Ineligibility Periods for Elk License Recipients

Those who are issued an elk license are subject to an ineligibility period for future elk drawings. This ineligibility period does not apply to Pure Michigan Hunt winners.

• A person issued an antlerless-only elk license is ineligible to apply for, obtain or purchase an elk license for 10 years. For example, those issued an antlerless-only license in 2011 are ineligible from 2012 through 2021.

• A person issued an any-elk license, which allows the taking of a bull elk, is ineligible to apply for, obtain or purchase a future elk license for the remainder of his or her life.

• Ineligibility rules were changed in 2004. A person issued an **any-elk** license prior to 2004 is ineligible to apply for, obtain, or purchase an elk license for 10 years.

• A person issued an **antlerless-only** elk license prior to 2004 is eligible to apply for an elk license.

PURE MICHIGAN HUNT

www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt

The hunt of a lifetime could be yours! Don't miss your chance to experience the best hunting in Michigan. Three lucky hunters win a package of licenses to hunt elk, bear, turkey, deer and waterfowl, and hunting gear from Michigan organizations. Buy as many \$4 applications as you want - apply at [www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt](http://www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt) or at a license agent.

The Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations.

The Natural Resources Commission provides a strategic framework for the DNR to effectively manage the state's natural resources. The NRC works closely with a broad cross-section of constituents to advise the DNR on continuous improvement of resource management policy.

Department of Natural Resources

Wildlife Division • P.O. Box 30444 • Lansing, MI 48909 • 517-373-1263

www.michigan.gov/hunting

Report All Poaching: 800-292-7800

The DNR Operations Service Centers are open

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga

427 US-41 North  
Baraga, MI 49908  
906-353-6651

Bay City

3580 State Park Drive  
Bay City, MI 48706  
989-684-9141

Cadillac

8015 Mackinaw Trail  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-775-9727

Gaylord

1732 West M-32  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
989-732-3541

Marquette

1990 US-41 South  
Marquette, MI 49855  
906-228-6561

Newberry

5100 State Highway M-123  
Newberry, MI 49868  
906-293-5131

Plainwell

621 North 10th Street  
Plainwell, MI 49080  
269-685-6851

Roscommon

I-75 & M-18 South  
8717 North Roscommon Rd.  
Roscommon, MI 48653  
989-275-5151

Rose Lake Field Office\*

8562 Stoll Rd.  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
517-641-4903

Southfield

26000 W. Eight Mile Rd.  
Southfield, MI 48034  
248-359-9040

\* This is a field office

Thank you for purchasing a Michigan hunting license. Your hunting license dollars help restore and improve habitats for wildlife species, advance research on wildlife and wildlife-borne diseases, foster programs that help ensure access for public hunting, support hunter safety education and much more. We encourage you to keep hunting and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's hunting heritage alive for future generations.

WILDLIFE RESTORATION

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportsions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$238 million.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources provides equal opportunities for employment and access to Michigan's natural resources. Both state and federal laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, disability, age, sex, height, weight or marital status under the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 as amended (MI PA 453) and MI PA 220, Title V of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act). If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program activities, or facility, or if you desire additional information, please write: Human Resources, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909-7528 or the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Cadillac Place, Suite 3-600, 3054 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202 or the Division of Federal Assistance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

For information or assistance on this publication, contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944. This publication is available in alternative formats upon request.

Application Information

Locations

• You may apply:

– At any authorized license agent

– At DNR Operations Service Centers

– Online at [www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings)

Requirements

• You must meet all requirements to lawfully hunt in the current-year elk seasons to be eligible to apply for an elk license or chance only.

• Michigan residents who are hunter safety certified or apprentice hunters are eligible to apply for an elk hunting license. This includes qualified military personnel and full-time students attending a Michigan college or university who reside in the state during the school year.

• Nonresidents are not eligible to apply, regardless of age.

• It costs \$4 to apply.

• To apply, you will need one of the following forms of identification:

– Valid Michigan driver license

– State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)

– DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or at [www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings))

• You must be at least 10 years old by Aug. 28 to apply. **Note: You must be at least 14 years old to hunt with a firearm on public land.**

Applicant Responsibilities

• **You are responsible for submitting a valid application.** Obtain a legible DNR application receipt and verify all information that appears on the receipt, including your customer ID and application options. Retain the DNR receipt as proof of application.

• Submit one application only. Individuals who apply more than once will be ineligible for the drawing.

• Keep your mailing address up-to-date with the Secretary of State, as you will be notified by mail if selected for an elk license.

• Ensure that any application mistakes are corrected before the application deadline.

• For application assistance, call 517-373-1263.

Successful Applicants

• Successful elk drawing applicants will be notified by mail. You will receive detailed information about your hunt, including your assigned hunt period, elk management unit, and type of license (any-elk or antlerless-only). Hunt assignments cannot be changed.

• A free crossbow stamp, available from all license agents or online at [www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings), is required for those using a crossbow to hunt, in addition to a valid hunting license.

• Elk hunters must attend a mandatory hunt orientation class prior to their hunt.

• The elk license fee is \$100. Successful applicants must pay this fee by purchasing an elk license receipt (item 171) from any license agent or online at [www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings), prior to the elk hunt orientation class.

• All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan elk hunting license.


• Licenses may not be altered or transferred. However, successful applicants may transfer their drawing success to an unsuccessful youth applicant or any person with an advanced illness.

Drawing results will be posted at [www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings) on June 25.

2012 MICHIGAN ELK HUNTING DIGEST

Application Period May 1–June 1, 2012

Apply online at [www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings)



2011 Pure Michigan Hunt winner!

Increase your odds at getting an elk license!

Apply for the Pure Michigan Hunt! See inside for more details or go to [www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt](http://www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt)

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Important Changes

• Elk Management Unit L has been expanded to include land east of M-33.

• Elk Management Units A and B have been combined into a new Elk Unit G.

• A portion of Elk Management Unit F near I-75 has been incorporated into Elk Unit X.

Important Reminders

• Selected hunters will be randomly assigned to a specific hunt area and hunt period.

• You may not apply for an elk license and purchase a “chance only” in the same year.



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Weighted Lottery for Elk Hunting Licenses

Hunters are selected for a Michigan elk hunting license using a random weighted lottery system that began in 2003. In this system, hunters receive one additional “chance” in future drawings each year they apply for an elk license and are unsuccessful in the drawing.

Applicants have the option to purchase a “chance only” instead of applying for a license. You may not apply for an elk license and purchase a chance only in the same year. **A person may accumulate only one chance per year.**

A weighted lottery provides some advantage to those individuals that are persistent in applying, while still providing an opportunity to all applicants, even those who are applying for the first time. It is possible for first-time applicants to be successful in any drawing. **In addition, there is no guarantee of being drawn in a weighted lottery regardless of the number of chances accumulated.**

The chance standing of any applicant who is successful in the elk drawing will return to zero chances after the drawing.

Those who fail to apply, or are ineligible to apply, for an elk license for three consecutive years will lose their accumulated chances.

**Chances are tracked using your customer ID (driver license or DNR Sportcard).** Chances may not be transferred to or combined with another person’s chances. Applicants may check their total chances at [www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings).

**Note: If you are using a different ID to apply this year, call 517-373-1263 to move your previous chances to your new ID. Any previous chances not moved to your new ID by June 1 will not be considered in the drawing.**

**IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to check your DNR application receipt for accuracy.**

Mandatory Elk Hunt Orientation

Successful applicants must attend a half-day training session near the elk hunt area on the day before their scheduled hunt. The location of the sessions will be provided to successful applicants. The training session will cover hunter safety, elk behavior, marksmanship, carcass handling, hunting rules and regulations, hunting tips and recommended hunt locations. Following the session, hunters will be issued their licenses, along with materials and information to help their efforts afield.

Hunting for Michigan elk is becoming increasingly challenging. There are fewer elk and they are becoming more wary. Temperatures range from -20 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Many people walk for long periods over multiple days before having an opportunity to take an elk. Once taken, moving an animal roughly four times the size of a white-tailed deer can be difficult. Preseason scouting is important, as is good marksmanship and knowledge of the animal. Preparation for the hunt will increase the enjoyment of the elk hunting experience.

2012 Open Seasons and Hunter Quotas

Hunt Period	Season Dates	Elk Management Units(s) (Public and Private Land)	Any-Elk Licenses	Antlerless-Only Licenses
1	Aug. 28 - 31 Sept. 14 - 17 Sept. 28 - Oct. 1	L	30	70
2	Dec. 8 - 16	F, G, X	30	70
3	Jan. 16 - 20, 2013	This hunt period will be held only if additional harvest is needed to achieve population management goals after hunt periods 1-2.		

Selected hunters will be randomly assigned to a specific hunt area and hunt period. You may not select the season or elk management unit you wish to apply for. See the maps below for the location of elk management units.

Elk License Opportunity for Youth and Hunters with an Advanced Illness

Individuals who are successful in the elk license drawing may transfer their drawing success to an unsuccessful youth applicant, or to a person with an advanced illness.\*

- Successful applicants who wish to transfer their drawing success must submit a transfer request form at least two weeks prior to the hunt. Forms are available at [www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings). For assistance, send an e-mail to [DNR-HuntTransfer@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-HuntTransfer@michigan.gov) or call 517-241-1971.
- Youth hunters age 10-16 are eligible to receive a transfer if they were unsuccessful applicants in the current year’s drawing. Individuals with an advanced illness are eligible to receive a transfer even if they did not apply.
- Individuals with an advanced illness must complete the Physician Certification of Advanced Illness form to certify their eligibility for a transfer. The form is available at [www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings).
- Successful applicants may transfer their drawing success to an eligible individual of their choosing, or may donate their hunt to individuals on the Wildlife Division transfer waiting list. A donated hunt will be processed only if an eligible recipient is available to accept the particular hunt that has been donated. **Those interested in receiving a donated hunt must register online at [www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings) by July 10.**
- Elk chances will be reset to zero for the transfer recipient and for the successful applicant donating the hunt. Upon purchase of the hunting license, the recipient will be ineligible for a future elk license per the timeframes noted in this digest. The donor’s eligibility for future elk drawings will be retained.
- It is unlawful to transfer drawing success for a fee, or transfer drawing success and then guide that person for a fee.

*\*Advanced illness is a medical condition that must be diagnosed and certified by a physician. Advanced illness is defined by the Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978 [MCL 333.5653]. See [www.legislature.mi.gov](http://www.legislature.mi.gov).*

Bovine Tuberculosis and Michigan’s Elk

Like white-tailed deer, elk are susceptible to bovine tuberculosis (TB). Because the elk range lies within an area shared by TB-infected deer, the risk of transmission to elk is very real. Research and experience with elk and red deer in other countries suggests that, should TB become established in Michigan’s elk herd, it could spread more rapidly than it has in deer. Since May 1996, we have tested 2,810 elk for TB. Between 2000 and 2006, five elk tested positive for TB in Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties. No elk have tested positive since 2006. Because elk and deer normally avoid each other in the wild, evidence suggests these elk probably were infected from feeding at man-made feed sites or bait piles intended for deer. Testing of elk for TB is mandatory, and all successful hunters must turn in the head of their elk for testing. Chronic wasting disease (CWD) testing is no longer mandatory. A total of 1,666 elk have been tested for CWD and all have been negative. To check the bovine TB laboratory results of your harvested elk go to [www.michigan.gov/dnrlab](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrlab).

Support Sportsmen Against Hunger

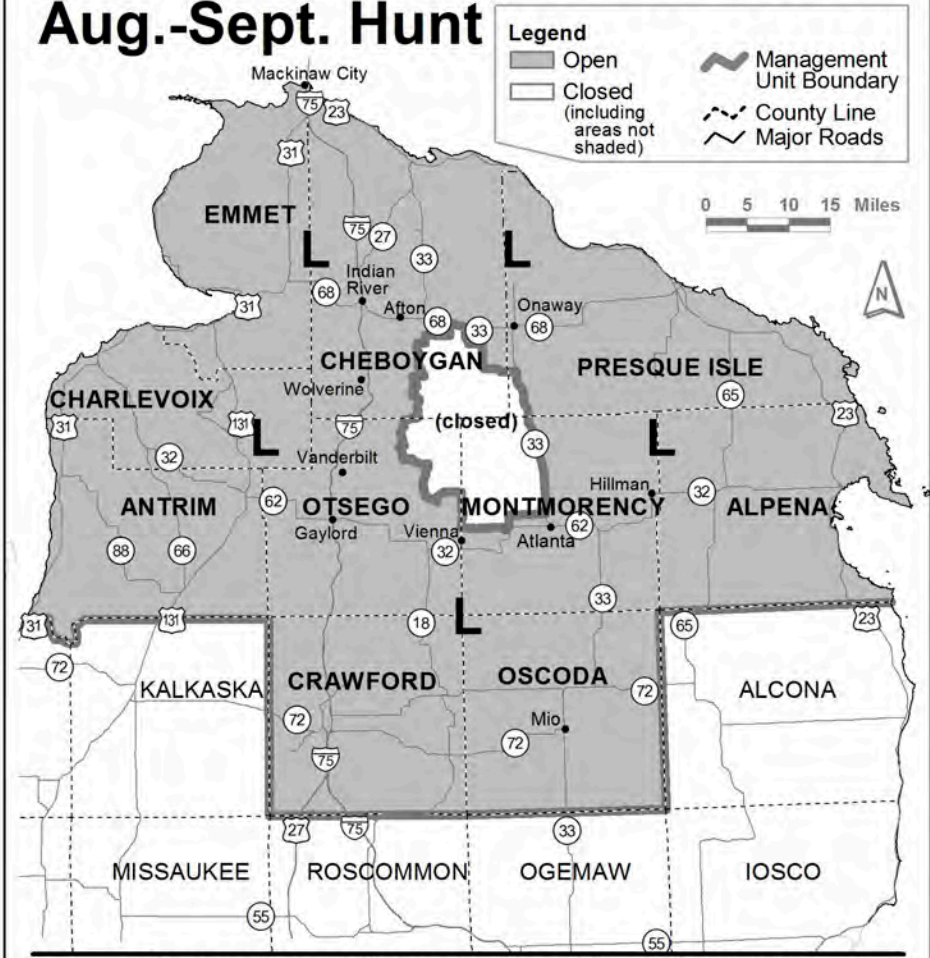
The Department of Natural Resources encourages hunters to support the effort to provide processed wild game meat to local families in need. You can help in one of two simple ways. First, tell your license agent that you would like to make a cash donation when you purchase your hunting license. Second, consider donating a portion of your processed game (donations can be accepted only if the processing is done by a licensed processor). For more information, call 517-853-3663 or go online to [www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org](http://www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org).

Commercial Hunting Guides on Public Land

All commercial hunting guides using state-owned lands require department oversight. In 2012, all commercial hunting guides utilizing state-owned lands must receive written authorization. Guides are required to meet the conditions of the written authorization. If you are a guide who utilizes state-owned lands, please visit the DNR website at [www.michigan.gov/statelandpermission](http://www.michigan.gov/statelandpermission) for more information.

Commercial guiding on National Forest (NF) lands requires a special use permit. Applications can be obtained through any office or by calling - Hiawatha NF: 906-428-5800; Huron-Manistee NF 231-775-5023; Ottawa NF: 906-932-1330.

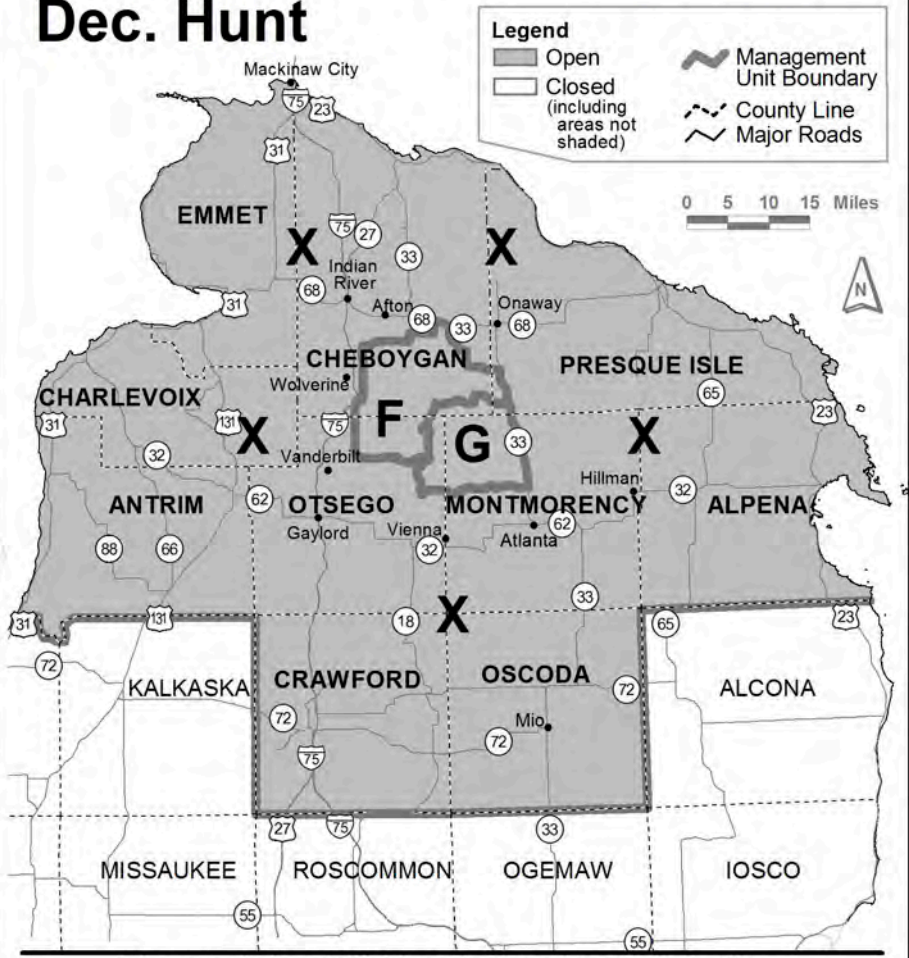
2012 Elk Management Units  
Aug.-Sept. Hunt



The remainder of Michigan is closed to all elk hunting.

For detailed descriptions of elk hunt unit boundaries, go online to [www.michigan.gov/dnrlaws](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrlaws) or contact a DNR Operations Service Center.

2012 Elk Management Units  
Dec. Hunt



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